

other "incentives" for prescribing or switching patients to the designated medication.

Doctors, pharmacy benefit managers and others who please the companies can be hired as do-little "consultants" to the manufacturers, sometimes for outrageously high pay.

The new standards aren't, in themselves, laws. Companies that don't follow them, however, face investigation under federal fraud and kickback statutes, a Health and Human Services official warned. A voluntary code of conduct adopted last spring by the industry apparently didn't go far enough.

Prescription costs are rising steadily. No reasonable person would deny the industry a fair profit. But some of the practices revealed by Health and Human Services are shifty, deceptive and just plain unethical. We're glad to see the feds trying to put a stop to what amounts to bribery of medical decision-makers.

TRIBUTE TO COLORADO AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER DON AMENT AND MR. BASIL STIEB

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don Ament, the Colorado Agriculture Commissioner and Mr. Basil Stieb of Iliff, Colorado. Recently, both men appeared on NBC Nightly News to educate Americans about the tremendous devastation left by the drought in our State.

During his tenure as the Colorado Agriculture Commissioner, Don Ament has worked tirelessly to promote the issues that matter to rural Colorado. He used his appearance on NBC Nightly News to skillfully articulate the problems and possible solutions Colorado and other States plagued by drought face. I thank him for his efforts to promote drought awareness.

Mr. Basil Stieb is a Colorado farmer who faces our State's severe drought every day. He eloquently told his story to the American people on NBC, and provided a realistic picture of the sacrifices farming and ranching families across our nation are making due to the drought. I thank him for his dedication to agriculture and his desire to educate others.

Residents of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, Don Ament and Basil Stieb are truly great Americans. I ask the House to join me in thanking them for their hard work and commitment to solving the problems caused by the drought in Colorado.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. BURTIS NUTTING

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to pay tribute to Dr. Burtis "Doc" Nutting of Glenwood Springs, Colorado before this body of Congress and this nation. Dr. Nutting has recently turned 100 years old and, as he and his family celebrate this momentous occasion, I would like to recognize him for his fascinating career and the incredible contribu-

tions he has made to the community of Glenwood Springs.

Dr. Nutting was born in Delta, Colorado on September 15, 1902. He studied pre-med at Western State College in Gunnison and then graduated from the University of Colorado Medical School in 1929. Dr. Nutting moved to Glenwood Springs after he caught word that the local doctor in the city had passed away and the community needed a new physician.

Dr. Nutting had a vigorous work ethic throughout his career, working seven days a week and constantly on call throughout the evenings, determined to be available to all his patients. He also maintained personal friendships with his patients and he ran his office accordingly. He made certain that all patients in need received the best medical care available and nobody was turned away, regardless of their financial situation. On many occasions, Dr. Nutting accepted payments made with chickens, farm animals, and vegetables from patients who had no other means of compensation.

Among Dr. Nutting's most noted accomplishments were his contributions in the fund-raising and construction of a larger, more modern hospital for the City of Glenwood Springs. The hospital was completed in 1955, providing the city with up-to-date facilities and more room to accommodate the city's growing population. Due to the hands-on way in which he did his job and the endless, heartfelt concern for his patients, Dr. Nutting became somewhat of a celebrity over the years. His age and his years of dedication and service to the City of Glenwood Springs have made him into an icon of community involvement.

Mr. Speaker, it is a distinct honor to recognize Dr. Burtis Nutting before this body of Congress and this nation in commemoration of his 100th birthday. Dr. Nutting and his family can be proud of his achievements and the years of irreplaceable service he has given to the City of Glenwood Springs. I hope his years ahead will be as rewarding and endearing as the one hundred he has been blessed with thus far. Congratulations, Doc!

TRIBUTE TO LYNDAL WHITWORTH

HON. WES WATKINS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2002

Mr. WATKINS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my district director, Lyndal Whitworth. On October 20, 2002, Lyndal will retire from Federal service. Lyndal has been a friend and partner in my efforts to help bring jobs and economic opportunities to the Third Congressional district, and he will be greatly missed by all who have known him and worked with him.

I first met Lyndal in the Spring of 1966 when I was the high school and college relations director for Oklahoma State University. I was in Lamont, Oklahoma, for a Future Farmers of America Banquet at Lamont High School, where Lyndal was a junior. Lyndal was a top student, and a fellow FFA officer, so I recruited him to attend OSU, my alma mater. Lyndal went on the OSU, where he earned a degree in agriculture and served in the student government.

In the Spring of 1978, during my freshman term in the House, I had an opening in my

Washington office for a legislative assistant for agriculture. Lyndal was working on the Agriculture Department communications staff at OSU, and I immediately thought of him for the position. Unfortunately, for me Lyndal declined the offer for family reasons—he had a pregnant wife and young son, so the timing was not right for him to move to Washington.

Later that year, however, I had another job opening—this one in my Ada, Oklahoma, district office. So, I contacted Lyndal again to ask him to join my district staff, and this time he accepted.

Lyndal Whitworth and I share a dedication to rural Oklahoma and a commitment to working as hard as it takes and for as long as needed to get the job done. Keeping up with me is no easy task, and Lyndal's positive attitude and dedication to me and my mission made him a perfect fit as my district director. Lyndal frequently joined me in putting in 14, 16 to 18 hours a day, helping on my primary mission to improve the economic conditions of the Third District of Oklahoma, historically the most economically distressed area of the State.

Lyndal's efforts in the district assisted my legislative efforts in Washington during my time in Congress. Just a few of the many projects for which Lyndal provided valuable assistance include Winding Stair National Recreation Area, McGee Creek Reservoir, Wes Watkins Reservoir; the USDA Agriculture Research Station in Lane, the OSU Center for International Trade Development, numerous highway and rural water projects, and countless local economic development and business recruitment projects. Our efforts have been very successful. The Third district has made great strides, and today is transforming from a depressed welfare area to an active economic growth area.

I have served in the House for a total of 20 years, from 1977 to 1991 and from 1997 to the present. Lyndal Whitworth has served on my staff for sixteen of those twenty years. He served his nation in the U.S. Army, worked for the United States Senate, and served as a civilian employee for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. I ask that the House join me in thanking Lyndal Whitworth for his many years of faithful public service and for a job well done.

HONORING TRAVIS L. BROWN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 9, 2002

Mr. GRAVES Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues and the Congressional Fire Services Institute to honor a fallen hero Travis L. Brown, on June 6th, 2001, Mr. Brown made the ultimate sacrifice in service for the Dearborn Fire Department and surrounding communities.

Mr. Brown had a soft spot for helping people, which was evident in his career as a nurse and volunteer firefighter. During his memorial service more than two hundred firefighters, EMT personnel and members of police departments from Kansas and Missouri came in support of a fallen brother. Many kind words were shared at Mr. Brown's memorial; one colleague best described him as "...just a great guy, a very caring man."